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Applicant : Joseph A. Zupanick
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Title : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACCESSING SUBTERRANEAN DEPOSITS
FROM THE SURFACE AND TOOLS THEREFOR

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An assignment from the inventors of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 014890, Frame 0615 on January 14, 2004.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the above-identified application and to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.321(b), and to obviate a double patenting rejection, the assignee identified above hereby waives and disclaims the terminal portion of the term of the entire patent to be granted upon the above identified application subsequent to the expiration date of 6,679,322 and any patent granted on application serial numbers 10/641,856 and 10/323,192, whereby the patent granted on this application will expire on the same day as the earlier to expire of 6,679,322 and any patent granted on application serial numbers 10/641,856 and 10/323,192, provided that any patent granted on this identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it is commonly owned with 6,679,322, copending application 10/244,083 and copending application 10/777,503.

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Enclosed is a check for \$130 for the required fee pursuant to 37 CFR §1.20(d).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, the undersigned inventor (or one of the undersigned joint inventors), of residence as listed, have invented certain new and useful improvements as below entitled, for which application for United States Letters Patent is made, said application having been executed on the date set forth below; and

WHEREAS, CDX Gas, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), a Texas limited liability company, with an address of 5485 Beltline Road, Suite 190, Dallas, Texas 75240-7656, desires to acquire our entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, and in and to the said application and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I assign to Assignee, all right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part and extensions thereof; and I authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for said invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as my interest is concerned, to Assignee.

I also assign to Assignee, all right, title and interest in and to the invention disclosed in said application throughout the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents, utility models, industrial models and designs for said invention in its own name throughout the world, including all rights to publish cautionary notices reserving ownership of said invention and all rights to register said invention in appropriate registries; and I further agree to execute any and all powers of attorney, applications, assignments, declarations, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such right, title and interest in Assignee.

I will communicate to Assignee any facts known to me respecting any improvements; and, at the expense of Assignee, I will testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and substitute applications, make lawful oaths and declarations, and generally do everything possible to vest title in Assignee and to aid Assignee to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

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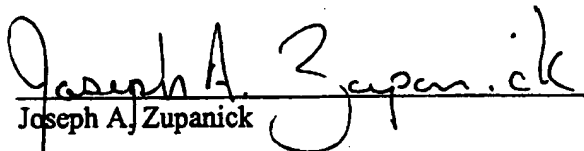
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Title of Invention:

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